Clearance to pending Hydro-electric projects of Kerala

1570. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether State of Kerala has submitted any proposal for setting up hydel projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of hydel projects cleared by the Centre during the last five years; and

(d) the details of the Central assistance provided and the steps taken to help the State in production and distribution of power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No project report for the setting up of Hydro-electric Project in Kerala is under examination for techno-economic clearance in the Central Electricity Authority. However, Detailed Project Reports (DPR) of eight hydro-electric projects/multipurpose schemes of Kerala as per details in Statement (*See* below) have been returned mainly due to Inter-State aspects involved.

(c) Adirapally HEP (2x80 MW) was accorded techno-economic clearance by CEA at an estimated cost of Rs. 230.48 crores. This project was cleared from Environmental angle in January, 1998 by the Ministry of Environment & Forests. The project has also been accorded forest clearance for diversion of 138.6 ha. of forest land on 16.12.1999 subject to compliance of certain conditions. However, Kerala State Electricity Board submitted a revised DPR on 26.3.2002 which envisages change in scope of works and increase in the cost of project. CEA has returned the DPR on 6.6.2002 with the request to tie up essential inputs/details.

(d) Schemes under Accelerated Power Development and Reform Programme (APDRP) amounting to Rs. 22.42 crores were sanctioned for Kerala during the year 2000-01. During the year 2002-03, an amount of Rs. 17.06 crores has been released; the released amount consists of 50% grant and 50% loan for improvement of sub-transmission and distribution under APDRP.

Statement

Hydro-Electric/Multipurpose Schemes of Kerala Returned for Resubmission

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Cost (Rs.Crs.)	Date of Return of DPR	Remarks
1.	Kerala Bhawani	3x50=150	168.75 (1991PL)	January 1992	Involves inter-State aspect. Located in Cauvery basin.
2.	Mananthwady (Multipurpose)	4x60=240	69.17 (Power) (1980 PL)	July 1980	Involves inter-State aspects. Located in Cauvery basin.
3.	Pambar	2x15=30	65.46 (1989 PL)	March 1990	Involves inter-State aspects. Located in Cauvery basin.
4.	Kuttiyadi Augmentation	2x50=100	61.72	May 1992	Involvest inter-State aspect. Located in Cauvery basin.
5.	Pandiar Punnapuzha	2x35=70	22.0	July 1982	Involves inter-State aspect with Tamil Nadu.
6.	Barapole	2x3+2x1.5=9	12.7	August 1991	Involves inter-state aspect with Karnataka
7.	Pallivasal Rehabilitation	3x20=60	45.48	April 1992	Due to major change in scope of works suggested by CEA/CWC.
8.	Karapara-Kunarkutty (Multipurpose)	2x2+ 3x20=84	85.64 (1990PL)	May 1991 (by CWC)	The Project has to be approved by TAC of Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) in first instance.
	TOTAL:	743 MW			

Hirma Power Project

1571. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Hirma Power Project;

(b) whether Hirma is likely not to have buyers for its power; and

(c) if so, details of arrangements being made to ensure financial viability of the project?